

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1 prior to line 1:

This patent application is a continuation of co-pending United States Application Serial No. 10/078,931 filed February 19, 2002.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

More recently, hemispherical bottom portions and concave champagne-like bottom portions have been combined, in which a plurality of feet are formed in the bottom of a blow molded container. These designs frequently seek eversion-resistant concave central bottom portions formed by a plurality of surrounding feet that are interconnected by a plurality of generally downwardly convex hemispheric rib portions. Many of such container designs providing footed bottles are in commercial usage. Such container designs are still subject, in the absence of relatively thick bottom wall portions, to distention of their concave central portions due to high internal pressures that can create "rockers" and significantly increased interior container volume with lower fluid levels, all of which are unacceptable to purchasers. Efforts to increase the eversion and distention resistance of the concave bottom portions of such footed containers with thinner bottom wall thicknesses have frequently led to bottom portions including small radii of curvature and discontinuous and abrupt transitions between adjoining surfaces that provide stress concentration, crazing and stress cracking sites. Many of these problems have been overcome by various bottom configurations such as illustrated in United States Patent Nos. 4,120,135; 4,978,015; 4,939,890; 5,398,485; 5,603,423; 5,816,029; 5,826,400; [5,934,024] 5,934,042; and 6,276,546. The bottles disclosed in these patents

are incorporated herein by reference to illustrate some examples of the type and shape of bottles that can be used in the present invention.